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SUBJ: MIYAZAWA WASHINGTON VISIT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER KIICHI MIYAZAWA HAS BEEN LONG KNOWN AS FRIEND OF US AND IN CONTRAST WITH MOST JAPANESE IS AT EASE WITH ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND FOREIGNERS. DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT, HE IS LIKELY TO BE MINDFUL OF -- BUT NOT NECESSARILY INHIBITED BY -- RELATIVE WEAKNESS OF HIS OWN POSITION WITHIN LDP, CONTINUING FRAGILITY OF MIKI GOVERNMENT, AND PENDING JAPANESE GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS. NOT SURPRISINGLY, HE HAS GENERALLY PURSUED FOREIGN POLICIES OF EARLIER GOVERNMENTS. HIS ABILITY IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS FIELD IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED HERE AND HIS RATHER UNASSUMING MANNER IS PROBABLY DECEPTIVE. SOME SAY HE HAS AMBITIONS TO BE PRIME MINISTER. END SUMMARY.

1. MIYAZAWA'S SELECTION AS FOREIGN MINISTER, LIKE THAT OF PRIME MINISTER MIKI HIMSELF, WAS BASED ON HIS ACCEPTABILITY TO ROUGHLY EQUAL WARRING FACTIONS WITHIN THE RURJNG LIBERAL
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DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP). LONG KNOWN AS A TECHNOCRAT

SPECIALIZING IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE ISSUES, MIYAZAWA HAS NO PERSONAL POWER BASE WITHIN LDP AND IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED UNLIKELY TO ACHIEVE ONE.

2. IN ADDITION, MIYAZAWA IS CERTAIN TO BE MINDFUL OF THE CONTINUED FRAGILITY OF MIKI GOVERNMENT. AFTER FOUR MONTHS IN OFFICE MIKI GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH ABLE TO TAKE MODEST INITIATIVES, REMAINS CONSCIOUS OF ITS FUNDAMENTAL WEAKNESS AND CONCERNED ABOUT ITS CONTINUED SURVIVAL. THIS HAS MEANT THAT MIYAZAWA, MORE THAN HIS IMMEDIATE PREDECESSORS, HAS HAD TO CONSULT WITH PARTY STRONGMEN AND AVOID STATEMENTS OR ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT COMPLICATE THE DELICATE BALANCE WHICH BROUGHT MIKI AND HIMSELF INTO OFFICE.

3. MOREOVER, MIYAZAWA'S WASHINGTON VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE IN DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING APRIL 13 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS IN 17 OF JAPAN'S 47 PREFECTURES. THE OUTCOME OF THESE ELECTIONS, PARTICULARLY IN TOKYO AND OSAKA, WILL BE WIDELY TAKEN AS AN INDICATION OF CURRENT MIKI STRENGTH. NEWS FROM WASHINGTON CONCERNING MIYAZAWA'S ACTIVITIES IS CERTAIN TO APPEAR ON NEWSPAPER FRONT PAGES AS VOTERS GO TO POLLS.

4. THUS FAR MIYAZAWA HAS GENERALLY BEEN FOLLOWING POLICIES MAPPED OUT BY EARLIER GOVERNMENTS WHILE ATTEMPTING TO PLACATE CRITICS. AMONG MIYAZAWA'S FIRST ACTS WAS REAFFIRMATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF TIES WITH US. LONG CONSIDERED FRIEND OF AMERICA, HIS RELATIVE FLUENCY IN ENGLISH AND RAPPORT WITH FOREIGNERS, PARTICULARLY AMERICANS, CONTRIBUTED TO HIS SELECTION AS FOREIGN MINISTER.

5. MIYAZAWA'S LONGTIME CONNECTION WITH US-JAPAN RELATIONS DID NOT, HOWEVER, PREVENT HIM FROM BEING AN EARLY (KENNEDY ERA), ADVOCATE OF IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH PRC. MIYAZAWA IS CURRENTLY CONTINUING WITHOUT HASTE NEGOTIATION OF GOJ-PRC FRIENDSHIP TREATY, WHILE MAINTAINING HE FAVORS IMPROVED PRIVATE TIES WITH TAIWAN. PERHAPS SIGNIFICANTLY HIS UNCLE, HEISHIRO OGAWA, IS CURRENTLY AMBASSADOR TO PEKING. FOR POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC REASONS MIYAZAWA HAS ALSO URGED IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH EC. HIS OVERSEAS TRAVEL AS FOREIGN MINISTER, HOWEVER, HAS THUS FAR BEEN LIMITED TO A CONFIDENTIAL

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TRIP TO MOSCOW, WHERE HE PLUGGED AWAY AT THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES PROBLEM, AND LAST WEEKEND'S WHIRLWIND VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA ON DEATH OF KING FAISAL.

6. MIYAZAWA IS CLEARLY HIS OWN MAN, WILLING AND ABLE TO MOVE BEYOND THE BUREAUCRATIC SCRIPT. HIS INDEPENDENCE OF HIS OWN BUREAUCRACY HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY CLEAR IN A NUMBER OF RECENT INCIDENTS. IN A COUNTRY WHERE THIS IS UNUSUAL,

HOWEVER, IT HAS OCCASIONALLY PUZZLED HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY SUBORDINATES, IRRITATED DIET MEMBERS (WITHOUT, HOWEVER, PROVOKING CONFRONTATION) AND, INCREASINGLY, CALLED INTO QUESTION HIS CREDIBILITY WITH THE PRESS. THIS DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE TRAVELS WITH LARGE PRESS CORPS AND IS SENSITIVE TO ITS NEEDS.

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7. BY ANY STANDARD, MIYAZAWA'S BACKGROUND IS IMPRESSIVE. AFTER GRADUATING FROM PRESTIGIOUS TOKYO UNIVERSITY IN 1941, HE PASSED EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ENTRANCE EXAMS FOR BOTH FINANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTRIES. SELECTING FORMER, HE RECEIVED CHOICE ASSIGNMENT IN MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT. LATER HE BECAME PRIVATE SECRETARY TO AND PROTEGE OF HAYATO IKEDA WHEN IKEDA WAS STILL IN UPPER RANKS OF FINANCE MINISTRY. MIYAZAWA REMAINED CLOSE TO IKEDA WHILE IKEDA WAS PRIME MINISTER.

8. IN 1953 MIYAZAWA WAS ELECTED TO UPPER HOUSE WHERE HE SERVED TWO TERMS. FIRST ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE FROM HIROSHIMA PREFECTURE IN 1965, HE WAS ONE OF LEADING VOTE GETTERS. A MEMBER OF THEN IKEDA - NOW OHIRA - FACTION IN DIET, MIYAZAWA SERVED FOUR TIMES AS DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY AND ONCE AS MITI MINISTER IN SUCCESSIVE IKEDA AND SATO CABINETS.

MIYAZAWA IS ALSO A THEORIST AND LEADING MEMBER OF LDP'S
"NEW RIGHT" SUPRA-FACTIONAL GROUPING OF "LIBERALS" WITHIN
PARTY.

9. AT AGE 55 MIYAZAWA IS NO STRANGER TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.
HE HAS ATTENDED A NUMBER OF POSTWAR HIGH LEVEL US-JAPAN
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MEETINGS, BEGINNING WITH SAN FRANCISCO PEACE TREATY CONFERENCE
AND INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER IKEDA'S 1960 MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT KENNEDY. IN DIET, MIYAZAWA'S EXPERTISE IS
WELL-ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AS WELL AS ECONOMIC MATTERS. AMONG HIS MANY BOOKS ON
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC THEMES IS ONE ENTITLED
"THE TOKYO-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE."

10. PERSONALLY, MIYAZAWA IS QUIET AND RATHER UNASSUMING.
HE HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR AND CAN BE DISARMINGLY FRANK. HE
SEEMS TO ENJOY SOPHISTICATED CONVERSATION AND INTERPLAY
OF IDEAS. HIS RELAXED APPEARANCE, HOWEVER, SUGGESTS A
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